

Reports of Missionary labour by Messrs Stewart, Sinclair and Campbell were read and approved.

The Presbytery again met at New Glasgow on the 1st. September. The Rev. George Sutherland of Charlottetown laid upon the table of Presbytery a call from the congregation of Strathalbyn, addressed to the Rev. Alex. Campbell of Lochaber, together with an extract minute of the Presbytery of P. E. Island, sustaining said call and appointing Mr. Sutherland, commissioner to prosecute it.

Mr. Sutherland addressed the court, stating the unanimity of the people of Strathalbyn and their anxious desire to obtain Mr. Campbell's services.

The Presbytery agreed to receive the call, and appointed the Rev. Thomas Downie to preach at Lochaber, and summon the congregation to appear for their interests at the next meeting of Presbytery.

The Presbytery again met at New Glasgow on the 16th September, when Messrs. McSwaine and Gillis appeared as Commissioners from the congregation of Strathalbyn, and the Rev. Mr. Sutherland for the Presbytery of P. E. Island, and Messrs. Neil Gunn and Donald Cameron from the congregation of Lochaber who severally addressed the court. The call being then put in Mr. Campbell's hands, he intimated his acceptance of the same, and the Presbytery agreed that he be translated from Lochaber to Strathalbyn, and the congregation of Lochaber declared vacant. The Rev. John Campbell was appointed to preach at Lochaber, and intimate this decision to the congregation. He with the Rev. D. B. Blair was appointed to meet with the congregation with a view to the settlement of arrears due to Mr. Campbell.

The Rev. George Sutherland laid upon the table of Presbytery a call from the congregation of St. John's, New London, addressed to the Rev. Alex. Ross, Pictou. Mr. Sutherland stated that he might not be able to attend the next meeting of Presbytery, and therefore desired at that stage to make his statements in favour of translation, and accordingly addressed the court with his usual power and eloquence on behalf of the congregation of New London. Mr. Ross, being asked if he wished to make any statement at this stage, stated that it was his intention to leave the decision of the matter entirely in the hands of the Presbytery, whereupon it was unanimously resolved, that the Presbytery having heard Mr. Sutherland on behalf of the Presbytery of P. E. Island, and having received intimation from Mr. Ross of his intention to leave the matter entirely in the hands of the Presbytery, and considering the hopelessness of success in the whole circumstances of the

case, deem it inexpedient to proceed further in the matter. This decision having been intimated to the parties Mr. Ross intimated his concurrence with it.

Commissioners appeared from the congregation of Springville and the Upper Settlement, East River. From their statements it appeared, that the section at Upper Settlement lately under the charge of the Rev. D. B. Blair had agreed to unite with the congregation of Springville,—that they had united in the subscription list for the allowance to Mr. McGillivray and for supply of preaching with the view of calling a colleague for him. It was accordingly agreed that the station of Upper Settlement, East River, be connected with Springville, and that the parties be directed to endeavour to arrange as to the order and places of supply of preaching. The clerk was also instructed to inform them, that according to the arrangement made when the deputation of Presbytery met the congregation, the Presbytery consider the allowance to Mr. McGillivray a first charge on their subscription list, and also to urge them to pay up arrears due to Mr. McG. previous to the time of the new arrangement coming into operation. Mr. William McCullagh presented a letter from Rev. Dr. Cooke, Professor of Theology in Queen's College, Belfast, certifying that Mr. McC. had attended two terms in Theology at that institution, and testifying in the highest terms to his character and attainments. The Rev. J. Bayne requested on behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions, that he be taken on trials for license, with a view to his going as a Missionary to the South Seas. Subjects of trial were accordingly assigned him, to be given in at next meeting of Presbytery.

The deputation appointed to visit Salt Springs reported, that they had fulfilled that duty, and had been successful in inducing the people to take steps towards the completion of their church.

After receiving reports from probationers, appointing supply of preaching for vacancies, and transacting other routine business, the Presbytery adjourned to meet at Primitive Church, New Glasgow, on the first Tuesday of October.

## Fire-side Reading.

### The Sabbath.

O day most calm, most bright,  
The fruit of this, the next world's bud,  
The endorsement of supreme delight  
Writ by a Friend and with His blood,  
The couch of time—care's halm and bay,  
The week were dark, but for thy light,  
Thy torch doth show the way.